

## WESTFIELD TOWN COUNCIL, June 11, 2007

The Westfield Town Council met in regular session Monday, June 11, 2007 at the Westfield Town Hall. Members present were Jack Hart, Bob Smith, Andy Cook, Bob Horkay, and Joe Plankis. Also present were Pat Leuteritz Community Services Secretary for Clerk-Treasurer, Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel, Brian Zaiger. President Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Cook stated that Ron Thomas and John Dipple would not be attending the meeting.

President Cook also stated the only change to the Agenda would be Ordinance 07-12 was tabled for more discussion.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Jack Hart made a motion to approve May 14, 2007 as presented. Joe Plankis seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

Bob Smith made a motion to approve May 31, 2007 minutes as amended. Bob Horkey seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

### **Guests:**

Cindy Spoljaric spoke regarding the web site links and how helpful they were and thanked the Town for their work on this.

### **Claims:**

Jack Hart made a motion to approve as presented. Joe Plankis seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

**Town Manager Report:**

1. Investigating Trash Service for the Town.
2. Drainage for Town Hall estimates have come in.
3. Roundabout at 151<sup>st</sup> Street
4. Update on 2008 Budget
5. Council consider meeting to discuss TIF project
6. Water system in tack and not affected by the drought.
7. Fire Department and WPW will receive funding for snow emergency
8. Billing services for the Fire runs being discussed.
9. Discussion on trade mark phrase.

Eric Becker gave a brief presentation for the new zoning maps.

**Old Business:**

**Ordinance 07-09      Establish Compliance with the Town Thoroughfare  
Plan and State of Indiana US 31 Project (Corridor  
Protection)  
APC Public Hearing – April 14, 2007  
First Reading – May 14, 2007  
Second reading**

President Cook stated this is the second reading for this Ordinance to update the Town Thoroughfare Plan which introduced a concept of corridor protection along US 31 areas.

Joe Plankis made a motion to approve Ordinance 07-09 as presented. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 07-12      Amending the Westfield Code Chapter 58, Division 10  
Figures, Sec. 58-346 through Sec. 58-355 (Downtown Parking)  
First Reading- May 14, 2007  
Second Reading**

Tabled

**Regulatory Changes/Council Introduction:**

**First Council Consideration**

None

**Second Council Consideration**

None

**New Business:**

**Ordinance 07-13      Video Franchise Fees**

Bruce Hauk stated this Ordinance allows the Town Council to charge a franchise fee among video providers with in the corporate limits.

President Cook stated this will also be tabled until July meeting for further review.

**Resolution 07-13      Community Development Fees**

Al Salzman explained the new fee schedule and the comparisons with surrounding jurisdictions.

Bob Smith moved to table this item also for further review. Joe Plankis seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

**Waiver of BZA Fees—Washington Township Parks Department**

Melody Sweat presented this item requesting fees waived for MacGregor Park.

Jack Hart made a motion of consensus to approve the waiver of fees for MacGregor Park as presented. Approved.

**Video & Business Showcase Agreement-CGI Communications, Inc.**

President Cook explained this is a website developer that would promote the Town with video with the Town Council approval.

Joe Plankis proposed this item come back to the Council next month for further review.

**Downtown Master Plan Report-Cripe/Odle, McGuire & Shook/Browning Investment**

President Cook explained this has been a 2 year land study and this Master Plan is the beginning of a detailed study.

There was a presentation made by Cripe/Odle, McGuire & Shook/Browning Investment.

**Right of Way Signage**

Jennifer Miller from Community Development presented this item explaining staff has reviewed the Sign Ordinance and presented their recommendations to the Council.

Council recommends staff to move forward with this Ordinance.

## **Public Works Department**

### **Bid Award – Wastewater Treatment Plant Building Expansion**

Kurt Wanninger explained this would be attached to the Southside of the existing building. Kurt stated the bids were sent to HNTB for review. Kurt further explained that WPW is recommending that the bid award would go to Patterson Hoarth not to exceed \$192,000.00.

Jack Hart made a motion to award the bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Building Expansion to Patterson Hoarth not to exceed \$192,000.00. Joe Plankis seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

### **Bid Award- Westfield Public Works Building Expansion**

Bruce Hawk explained this is the design build project for the Public Works expansion which started in 2006. Bruce explained the idea behind this process to move the IT and Community Development Departments to this new building.

Bruce also stated this building would be fully funded with cash from our Utility Department.

Joe Plankis made a motion to approve the Westfield Public Works Building Expansion not to exceed \$2,971,643.00. Jack Hart seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

### **Bid Award -147<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Signal**

Kurt Wanninger presented this item stating problems faced with neighborhood subdivisions and the different policies regarding traffic calming.

Council consensus to be brought back in July.

### **Equipment Purchase – Truck Loader and Harley Rake**

Kurt Wanninger also requested approval for the purchase of a Truck Loader and a Harley Rake that was part of the Capital Budget Plan for 2007.

Jack Hart made a motion to approve the purchase of the MacDonald Machinery Truck Loader and the Harley Rake not to exceed \$51,350.00. Bob Smith seconded.  
Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

### **Consent Agenda:**

#### **Release of Performance Bonds –**

##### **Maple Knoll Sec. 6 – Sanitary Sewer Extension**

Kurt Wanninger stated all Consent agenda items have been satisfied.

Bob Smith made a motion to approve the release of Consent items. Joe Plankis seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

#### **Release of Maintenance Bonds**

None

#### **Reimbursement Agreement**

None

#### **Change Orders**

##### **146<sup>th</sup> Street Multi-use Path**

Kurt Wanninger explained this was a change order from 2006 to be corrected for the Clerk-Treasurers office. Kurt stated this was a reduction in the amount of \$1,872.03 and is asking the Council to approve this reduction.

Joe Plankis made a motion to approve this change order. Bob Smith seconded.  
Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

## **2006 Resurfacing**

Kurt Wanninger presented this item explaining this is for the 2006 Resurfacing project of a turn lane construction at South Street and South Union for \$174,962.00. Kurt also explained there were extra items added to contract for an additional amount of \$43,927.35.

Kurt stated there was also a deduct for work not completed in the amount of \$57,026.18 bringing a Change Order net increase to this Resurfacing Project to \$161,863.17.

Jack Hart made a motion to approve the Change orders from 2006. Joe Plankis seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

## **Department Reports**

President Cook gave report updates:

1. Stated he would request there be a second meeting this month on the Downtown Parking and Village Park TIF area. It was decided the meeting will be held Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.
2. Meeting with Mic Mead regarding the Seal he has donated to the Town.
3. Proposal to combine Town and Township Parks Department. Bob Horkey, John Dipple and Ron Thomas would do this study and report in July.
4. A need to form a committee to oversee the process of changing from a Town to a City. There will be 3 Council members Bob Smith, Jack Hart and Joe Plankis on the committee.
5. School Superintendent approached by developers interested in establishing a voluntary School Contribution Program coming from the Development Community for enhancements for the schools.
6. "Old Town Charm; New City Style" slogan would we like to adopt and register. Brain Zaiger would work on the registration.

Bob Smith made a motion to adjourn. Joe Plankis seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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Clerk-Treasurer

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Council President



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From: Mollianne and Russell Cameron of Stitches & Scones Inc.

- ❖ Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight. We would like our comments submitted into the record.
- ❖ I would like to thank Mr. Dippel, Mr. Plankis and Mr. Anderson for taking time to discuss the parking issue with us.
- ❖ We realize that the downtown parking situation is one of many issues you are currently facing.
- ❖ We would like to go on record that we oppose any parking restrictions in the downtown Westfield area for the following reasons:
  1. Ticketing customers and clients creates bad will.
  2. Parking restrictions limit the intermingling of businesses and discourage customers from visiting multiple businesses.
  3. Zionsville repealed parking restrictions in 2004 for the main business area.
  4. The town has not done due diligence such as an impact study on the effect of parking restrictions for this area.
  5. The cost of enforcement will probably be a diminishing return with the few number of spaces patrolled.
  6. There is misinformation about who is parking on Union Street.
  7. If business owners and employees parked in secondary parking, there would be no shortage of parking.
  8. A solution for South Union may not work for North Union Street.
  9. A clearly identified, safe customer parking lot does not exist yet.
  10. With properties for sale, businesses moving, and the new revitalization plan, we are currently in a very unstable business environment. This is not a good time to create another deterrent to coming to downtown Westfield.
- ❖ The parking restriction does not solve the real parking problem. Owners and staff park on Union Street for long periods of time. With longer parking in one section and shorter parking in the other, more employees will park in the four hour parking zone.
- ❖ I need to ask for parking longer than two hours because my business is based upon two to four hour classes and the expectation that the customers have to shop for yarn for the classes.
- ❖ For this reason, I am asking for your support of the "Customers First" program to keep parking open for everyone's customers. Jim Anderson has agreed to support the program and we need your backing. Please add this plan to your parking proposal.
- ❖ After almost five years as retail store owner and property owner in Westfield, I understand the requirements of creating a successful business in the area. The road and building improvements will be a challenge, but in the end the potential for downtown Westfield is exciting. Let's be patient, look at the big picture and do what is clearly best for the success of Westfield as a destination place.

Thank you for your time.